




CITY OF BALTIMORE
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| TO | The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council |
| FROM | Alice Kennedy, Housing Commissioner  |
| DATE | July 12, 2024 |
| SUBJECT | 24-0554 Building, Fire, and Related Codes - Corrective Amendment |

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400

7/3/24

Position: Favorable

Introduction

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 24-0554 Building, Fire, and Related Codes - Corrective Amendment for the purpose of correcting an amendment regarding permit extensions made during the course of adopting the 2021 Edition of the Building, Fire, and Related Codes; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, City Council Bill 24-0554 would correct an error within CCB 24-0502 Building, Fire, and Related Codes - 2021 Edition, thereby clarifying the dates for permit extensions and removing any confusion. If approved, this legislation will become effective the day of its enactment.

DHCD Analysis

In its current form, Building, Fire, and Related Codes Section 2-103 (IBC § 109.5.3) Baltimore City Revised Code (2021 Edition) states that if a permit extension request is made within the first 90 days, then that extension will cost \$25 but if the application is made between day 31-90 the extension will cost 50% of the original cost of the permit fees. This language is conflicting, and this proposed corrective amendment to the recently adopted BFRC would resolve that conflict.

This Bill will address that conflicting language by instead stating that if a permit extension request is made within the first 30 days, then that extension will cost you \$25 but if the application is made between day 31-90 then the extension will cost you 50% of the original cost of the permit fees. This Bill also allows the applicant the option to apply for a new permit for the

work remaining to be completed, with the fee for that permit to be based on the scope of that remaining work.

Conclusion

DHCD respectfully request a **favorable** report on City Council Bill 24-0554.